

**NEBRASKA FOOD CODE,
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6-101.11 Surface Characteristics.

(A) Except as specified in ¶ (B) of this section, materials for indoor floor, wall, and ceiling surfaces under conditions of normal use shall be:

(1) Smooth, durable, and easily cleanable for areas where food establishment operations are conducted;

(2) Closely woven and easily cleanable carpet for carpeted areas; and

(3) Nonabsorbent for areas subject to moisture such as food preparation areas, walk-in refrigerators, warewashing areas, toilet rooms, mobile food establishment servicing areas, and areas subject to flushing or spray cleaning methods.

6-201.16 Wall and Ceiling Coverings and Coatings.

(A) Wall and ceiling covering materials shall be attached so that they are easily cleanable.

(B) Except in areas used only for dry storage, concrete, porous blocks, or bricks used for indoor wall construction shall be finished and sealed to provide a smooth, nonabsorbent, easily cleanable surface.

6-201.17 Walls and Ceilings, Attachments.

(A) Except as specified in ¶ (B) of this section, attachments to walls and ceilings such as light fixtures, mechanical room ventilation system components, vent covers, wall mounted fans, decorative items, and other attachments shall be easily cleanable.

(B) In a consumer area, wall and ceiling surfaces and decorative items and attachments that are provided for ambiance need not meet this requirement if they are kept clean.

6-201.18 Walls and Ceilings, Studs, Joists, and Rafters.

Studs, joists, and rafters may not be exposed in areas subject to moisture. This requirement does not apply to temporary food establishments.

Ceilings

In food/beverage preparation areas, food storage areas, utensil-washing areas, walk-in refrigeration units, restrooms, refuse or garbage storage areas, and janitorial facilities, ceiling finishes shall be constructed of smooth, non-absorbent and easily cleanable materials that are durable and light in color.

A ceiling should have an even or level surface with no roughness or projections that render it difficult to clean. Fill or close any holes or gaps along the ceiling to limit pest movement or harborage.

Acceptable ceiling finishes include, but are not limited to, smooth, non-fissured, vinyl-clad gypsum board for suspended ceilings, or smooth painted drywall with a washable epoxy or enamel finish.

Textured or sprayed drywall, acoustical-type tiles or panels, perforated tiles or panels, grated tiles, panels or light covers, exposed studs or rafters, or other rough surfaces are not acceptable, and should not be used in the areas listed above.